

# The Contact

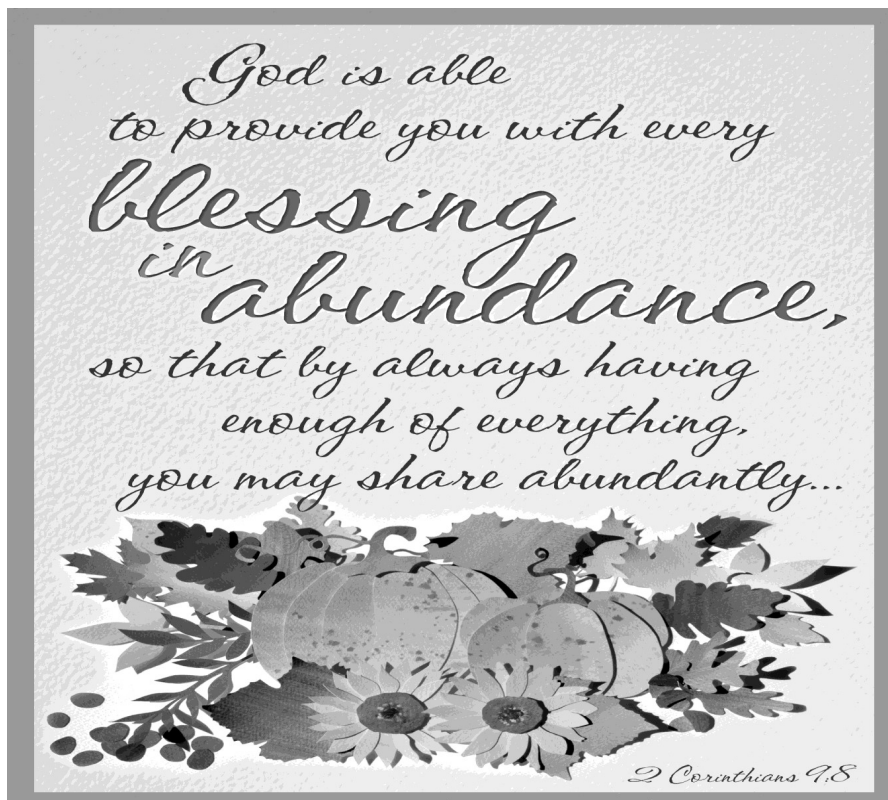
The Newsletter of the Kingwood Church of God  
November, 2024

## NOVEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Did the Christmas decorated bookshelves start you thinking about the holiday that is only 60 days away? Perhaps many of us are busy planning the delicious Thanksgiving dinner coming soon.

If we aren't careful the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day becomes one big blur of busyness that may leave us physically and emotionally exhausted. Most of us have hobbies or activities we can do to relax and unwind. Reading books can be a relaxing and inexpensive hobby. Readers can become part of the story they are reading whether they see themselves as one of the characters or a bystander watching the story unfold. Their heart may beat faster if there is danger or frightening parts in the story. If the book ends the way they want or if it has a happy ending it can result in them feeling satisfied and happy,

It was our hope the books displayed about Christmas would encourage those who like to read to take a relaxing break and read about the love, joy, hope and peace of Christmas. There will be several more books about Christmas added in the next several weeks.



# Church Mouse



October! We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> "BER" month and fall is here for sure. Temps have been dropping and there has been a frost or two. We even had a few snowflakes mixed with rain. I do like fall but it means that that other season is on the way. One of cold and snow and a limited food supply for us little mousies. Sometimes it really is good to be a church mouse. October is here and the leaves are beautiful. The mornings and evenings are getting cooler and the parsonage and church furnaces have started to run occasionally. Yep it is good to be a church mouse

The flurry of September activities is over but

October has its own activities. Pumpkin Fest in CoFlo, The Springs folk festival and of course the beginnings of all the various hunting seasons. I'm just glad there is no mouse season.

A great time was had this year at Applefest. I heard one estimate that there were about 500 people there. That is amazing to me! The committee added vendors out on the lawn to the mix this year. It seems to have brought in quite a few new people AND some different things for the auction. The cooks ran out of various types of food. I think the only thing left over was some chicken from the BBQ. All in all a major success.

Another highlight of the month was the Jr High fall retreat at camp. There were fifty PLUS campers there for the retreat. One of the biggest retreats to date. From what I have seen the retreaters had a great time. Of course, a great time is almost always had at camp.

There have been various meetings this month as the Wild Game Dinner committee and the Rally Day committee have been busy getting things ready. The Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of March so keep that date on your calendar.

And 'NO Excuses" Rally Day (10/27) is coming up this month. I am looking forward to Sneaking down to the FC to see the displays of the excuses and to join in a wonderful large joint service for the folks of Kingwood COG to be together in one worship service. It is also a great time to invite friends and family to attend. And who could possibly turn down a Kingwood potluck luncheon. I hear Char B Que (Charlie Pletcher) is making the meats for the lunch as well. A pulled pork or steak sandwich sounds pretty good to me.

Also, the night before Rally Day (10/26) is our fall Buckwheat cake supper. You all know the drill for this. Buckwheat cakes (a secret recipe), and pancakes (regular and blueberry), along with fried potatoes, sausage, puddin' (I hear this is favorite of PW), applesauce, etc. Again, food for a little mousey. Yep, this church mouse gig is pretty good for a little mousey.

Well, until next time.

As always, yours, The Church Mouse



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### NOV. BIRTHDAYS

Nov 7 Bradley Lemmon  
 Nov 8 Blake Pletcher  
 Nov 9 Melanie Monticue  
 Nov 10 Jaynn Todias Johnson  
 Nov 16 Beverly Pletcher  
 Nov 19 Jennifer Gross  
 Erma Hay  
 Viola Kerns  
 Nov 21 David Younkin  
 Nov 26 Naomi Shaffer  
 Nov 28 Logan Bowman  
 Nov 30 Heather Ream

### NOV. ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 7 Ed & Kay Engleka  
 Nov 20 Tony & Eileen Buchanan  
 Nov 27 Josh & Stacey Rosman  
 Nov 29 Tim & Rita Show

### DEC. BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1 Terry Ream  
 Dec 2 Marchelle Peck  
 Dec 6 Kendyll Younkin  
 Dec 9 Rose Tressler  
 Dec 12 Nina Phillippi  
 Charlotte Carrabotta  
 Dec 13 Ernest Pletcher  
 Dec 14 Alessandra Vough  
 Dec 18 Jesse Moore  
 Dec 19 Ed Engleka  
 Elika Pletcher  
 Dec 17 Levi Ream  
 Dec 21 Sheryl Meyers  
 Adalyn Strelko  
 Dec 25 JESUS  
 Dec 26 Tom Broucher  
 Jim Snyder  
 Dec 27 Chloee Anderson  
 Dec 30 Jim Monticue  
 Dec 31 Don Houck  
 Louise Dumbauld

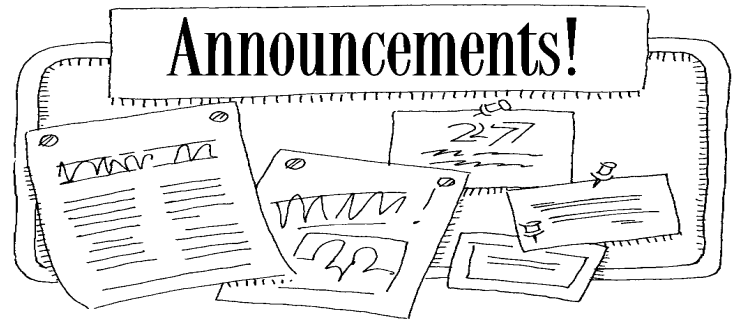
### DEC. ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 3 Hilton & Loretta Mitchell  
 Dec 21 Paul & Juanita Hall





National Revival  
 Our Country  
 Allegheny Region Churches  
 Pastor Will & Beth  
 Pastor Jim & Melanie  
 Pastor Karey & Jake  
 Growing our Congregation  
 Holiday Services  
 Violence in our Nation  
 Violence in Haiti  
 People of Ukraine  
 Upcoming Elections  
 Those dealing with severe weather issues  
 Families who have lost loved ones  
     Dave Draper  
     Randy Shawley  
 Those dealing with mental, emotional, spiritual  
 & financial issues  
 Those hospitalized & having procedures  
 Those dealing with long-term illnesses  
 Shut-Ins  
 Those in nursing homes and care facilities  
 Schools  
 Teachers and Students  
 School Workers & Bus Drivers  
 College Students  
 Hospital Workers  
 Winebrenner Seminary  
 Brent & Julie Sleasman  
 Church Ministries  
 Camp Sunrise Mountain  
 Winter Retreats  
 Chatelas Church  
 Our Missionaries and Mission Fields  
 Military / Police / First Responders  
 CEF  
 Unspoken Needs



This year's Secret Sister party will be held November 10th in the church basement at 1:00 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule. The always entertaining grab bag game will be the only gift exchange this year, so don't forget to bring two to three small wrapped gifts. Even if you don't have a secret sister we would love to have any interested ladies join us for a fun time of good food and fellowship! See Eileen Buchanan, Bev Pletcher or Kerri Show for questions.

There will be a FREE Luncheon for any area retirees their spouses and/or caregivers on Wednesday November 13, 2024, 12:00 noon at the Fellowship Center. This will just be a time to enjoy lunch and fellowship with other retirees. Space is limited and reservations are necessary (First-come, First-serve). Please either sign up on the list in the hallway or call 814-442-4916 or 814-233-0053 to reserve your space. The last day to make your reservation is Sunday November 10, 2024.

It is time to begin preparing for the Children's Christmas Program. If your child, age 3 through 6th grade, is interested-- please sign up in the vestibule. If there is enough interest, scripts will be handed out the end of November and practices will begin the first Sunday in December. The performance is tentatively scheduled for December 22nd. If you have questions, see Heather Ream.

There is a container for money gifts to the Romesberg Family in the vestibule. Please make checks payable to Kingwood Church of God. You can also mail gifts to:

Cheryl Pletcher  
 265 Faidley Rd.  
 Markleton, PA 15551

# RAMBLINGS & RECIPES

Typically “Contact” articles are due the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for the upcoming issue. There is frost this morning in Kingwood – it’s still October when this is being written. 30 Days in November and winter is here on December 21<sup>st</sup> and that’s a Saturday! I do enjoy the changes of seasons in Somerset County. Each season has beauty all its own and I can enjoy each change – snow storms are my least favorite!

It’s time to think about Thanksgiving – a day set aside to give thanks! We have so much to be thankful for.

I’m going to share my favorite recipe for **Pumpkin Roll**. I’ve tried several recipes and this one never disappoints.

## Pumpkin Roll

3 Eggs

2/3 Cup Pumpkin

1 Cup Sugar

¾ Cup Flour

½ tsp. Cinnamon

1 tsp. Salt

1 tsp. Baking Soda

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

I use a 10x13 baking sheet – using a larger sheet will make the dough thinner – if you like thicker dough – use a smaller sheet.

Line the sheet with wax paper or parchment paper.

Mix all ingredients well, spread on the baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes.

Put on a powdered sugar cloth (cotton tea towel) and roll up like a jell roll – set aside until cool.

Filling:

1 8 oz. Cream Cheese

4 Tbsp. Butter

1 tsp. Vanilla

1 Cup Powdered Sugar

Beat together the cream cheese, butter and vanilla – add the powdered sugar and mix well. Unroll the dough and spread with the filling – then re-roll it.

IF YOU WANT TO ADD NUTS, USE 1 CUP AND SPRINKLE ON THE ROLL BEFORE BAKING.

After the roll is complete – wrap in wax paper and seal the edges with tape. This Pumpkin Roll freezes well and can be used quickly if you have company drop in! While you are making one – make two or three!

***Happy Thanksgiving!***

# Global Reach Updates

**Argentina – Pastor Maria’s church held a fundraiser. They made chicken and beef empanadas. They even delivered them free of charge for those who could not get out and pick them up! The church is doing well and they continue to strive to serve their community. Pray for unity for Argentina brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Venezuela – Pastors Jean and Lilian Guevara and their church have been focusing on education in their community as well as strengthening their youth group. They recently took part in the annual March for Jesus which grows every year! Praise God for such unity of believers.**

**Bangladesh – Keep the prayers going for our Field Director and other key leaders in the country. The anti-mission group is relentless in their persecution. Please pray specifically strength, endurance, comfort, and encouragement. The struggle is overwhelming at times and our brothers and sisters are exhausted. Please be faithful in prayer.**

**New areas that will need support this Fall – Bangladesh Mission hospitals need some new medical instruments/devices: GR2705-medical instruments, Construction of a church in Brazil: GR2729-Bahia church project, Construction of an education Center in India: GR2724-Maldanga Ministry Center.**

**Haiti -- Pray, pray, and pray some more....**

## *Helping Hands*

### **Helping Hands Prayer Needs for November**

Helen King c/o Meadowview 1404 Hay St. Berlin, PA 15530  
Helen Lucas c/o Meadowview 1404 Hay St. Berlin, PA 15530

# KINGWOOD CHURCH OF GOD COUNCIL MEETING

## October 14th, 2024

Devotions: Randy Pletcher – 2 Chronicles 7 – As we gather forces together, God says there is power in a group and it begins with us as individuals (God’s people)

### OLD BUSINESS:

Floor Waxing – (this is a correction to the September minutes), the north wing of the fellowship center still needs done. Waiting for some of the items to be disposed of in the rooms before completing.

Church Security – Nothing to report

Fellowship Center Pavilion – moving this item to the agenda for the April meeting.

Sanctuary Projector – Nothing to report, there may be some other options to try before having to replace the screen and projector.

Church Parking Lot – still working on gathering information.

Church Basement Renovations – A committee has been formed, volunteers are Dean Hay, Beth Miller, Melanie Monticue, Josh Rosman, Karey Vough, Vanessa Lucas and Sharlene Bluebaugh.

Disposal of Items in the Youth Room – Nothing moved out yet.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Jesse Moore reported that the heating system seems to be working correctly in the room that was reported not working.

Fellowship property line – It has been discovered that our storage building and Nativity Stable will have to be moved away from their current location.

New Church Directory – Plans are being made to do another Church Directory for 2025.

Hurricane Relief Fund – Donation funds have been mailed to the Allegheny Region CGG-CA. They are organizing relief efforts directly to the people that are in the back hills, rural areas of North Carolina after the devastation left by Hurricane Helene.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

October 26<sup>th</sup> – Buckwheat Cake Supper

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Rally Day – Flyers have been sent in the mail to addresses in Markleton, Fort Hill and Rockwood

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting 7:00 pm

#### **Fellowship Usage September 2024**

Walk Fit	12
Midweek	4
Council Mtg	1
Pickelball	3
Applefest	1 plus many prep days
Rockwood Alum	1 plus prep
Isaac Moore	1
Total	23

**Kingwood Church of God  
119 Humbert Rd  
Markleton, PA 15551**

**Church Staff**

Will Miller, Senior Pastor  
James Monticue, Visitation Pastor  
Karey Vough, Youth/YA Pastor  
Carey Beth King, Secretary

**Church Website**

[www.kingwoodchurch.cggc.org](http://www.kingwoodchurch.cggc.org)

**Church Phone Number**

(814) 926-4429

**Sunday Morning Worship**

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Second Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Midweek Services @ FC on  
Wednesdays

